(iv) Government of India has recommended to consider banning of green falling above 1000m attitude in Himalayas;

(v) The G. B. Pant Himalayan Institute for Environment and Development is engaged in research and development studies;

(vi) Strengthening of Forest protection forces with improved communication facilities, arms and ammunition;

(vii) Formation of village Forest Protection Committees.

Deaths of Animals and Reptiles

1756. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of animal and reptile deaths that took place in Zoo's at various parks and under private/municipal authorities during the last one year;

(b) whether Government propose to prepare a guideline for proper maintenance of the zoos/park and for welfare of animals; if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether Governments propose to amend or introduce changes in wildlife protection laws to protect the animals and reptiles in captivity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) This information is not compiled and collated in this Ministry. There is no institutional framework to ensure maintenance of such data by all the Zoos and its collation on central basis. It is expected that the recognition of the Zoos having become mandatory, the newly constituted Central Zoo Authority would devise some system of collecting and compiling such information in future.

(b) The Government has established Central Zoo Authority following the amendment of the Wild Life (Protection) Act in 1991. The Central Zoo Authority have framed Rules for Recognition of Zoos which, *inter alia* lay down the standards and norms for housing, upkeep and veterinary care of the animals;

(c) No, Sir. The Wild Life (Protection) Act has been comprehensively amended in 1991.

Social Forestry Scheme

1757. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the social forestry scheme under implementation in various States;

(b) whether any targets have been set and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) achievement made by during the last three years (State-wise); and the role played by private sector vis-a-vis voluntary organisations in the social forestry programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Afforestation/tree planting including Social Forestry are continuing activities, undertakeh in the States, depending on the allocations in the Central and State Plans. The main programmes include the Externally-Aided Forestry Projects, Rehabilitation of Degraded Forests, Strip Plantations, Farm Forestry, Production Forestry, Control of Shifting Cultivation, Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme, Integrated Wastelands Development Projects Scheme, Desert Development Programme, Drought Prone Areas Programme, Scheme for Generating Rural Employment, etc.

(b) and (c) The State-wise targets & achievements for afforestation/tree planting activities including social forestry, during the last three years, are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix CLXVI, ANNEXURE No. 31].